

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4546, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. SPRATT OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

At the end of title XI (page 222, after line 3), insert
the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____.** **CERTIFICATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**
2 **PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING POSITIONS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—(1) Chapter 81 of title 10, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing new section:

6 **“§ 1599d. Professional accounting positions: authority**
7 **to prescribe certification and credential**
8 **standards**

9 “(a) AUTHORITY TO PRESCRIBE PROFESSIONAL
10 CERTIFICATION STANDARDS.—The Secretary of Defense
11 may prescribe professional certification and credential
12 standards for professional accounting positions within the
13 Department of Defense. Any such standard shall be pre-
14 scribed as a Department of Defense regulation.

15 “(b) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may
16 waive any standard prescribed under subsection (a) when-
17 ever the Secretary determines such a waiver to be appro-
18 priate.

19 “(c) APPLICABILITY.—A standard prescribed under
20 subsection (a) shall not apply to any person employed by



1 the Department of Defense before the standard is pre-
2 scribed.

3 “(d) REPORT.—The Secretary of Defense shall sub-
4 mit to Congress a report on the Secretary’s plans to pro-
5 vide training to appropriate Department of Defense per-
6 sonnel to meet any new professional and credential stand-
7 ards prescribed under subsection (a). Such report shall be
8 prepared in conjunction with the Director of the Office
9 of Personnel Management. Such a report shall be sub-
10 mitted not later than one year after the effective date of
11 any regulations, or any revision to regulations, prescribed
12 pursuant to subsection (a).

13 “(e) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘profes-
14 sional accounting position’ means a position or group of
15 positions in the GS–510, GS–511, and GS–505 series that
16 involves professional accounting work.”.

17 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such
18 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following
19 new item:

“1599d. Professional accounting positions: authority to establish certification
and credential standards.”.

20 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Standards established pur-
21 suant to section 1599d of title 10, United States Code,
22 as added by subsection (a), may take effect no sooner than
23 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

